

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET  
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL  
B.S.A.

DATE October 17, 1961

Full Name Pratt, William R.

(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

Address 26 Sutton Place

City Toms River

State New Jersey

Age 30 31 (This is important and should be exact) 12-4-29

Approximate age \_\_\_\_\_ (To be used ONLY when exact age is not known)

Religion Catholic

Nationality Caucasian

Occupation Beautician

Education \_\_\_\_\_

Weight 155 Color White Height 6'1"

Color of hair Blond Color of eyes Brown

Outstanding characteristics or interests Skunk tattoo left forearm

Married or single Single Children \_\_\_\_\_

(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

Wife's name \_\_\_\_\_

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

Unit #	City	State	Office	Date Reg'd.	Date resigned
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MONMOUTH COUNCIL

TROOP 50 TOMS RIVER, N.J. SCOUTMASTER 1961

Special recognition \_\_\_\_\_

Recommended for Confidential File for following reasons:

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Scout Executive

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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November 3, 1961

Mr. George L. Sparks  
Scout Executive  
Ocean County Council, No. 341

Dear George:

I am very sorry but we did cut the article concerning William Pratt from the newspaper, read the stories on the Eagles and clipped the article about Bloomfield College Choir.

You can guess what we did with the rest of the newspaper and the Eagle stories after we had read them. Perhaps you can get extra copies from the publisher.

Sincerely yours,  
PERSONNEL DIVISION

Basil F. Starkey  
Director of Registration

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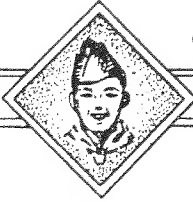
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OCEAN COUNTY COUNCIL

DIAMOND 9-1937



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
P. O. BOX 97  
TOMS RIVER, N. J.

October 27, 1961

Mr. Basil F. Starkey  
Director of Registration  
National Council, B. S. A.  
New Brunswick, New Jersey

Dear Bay:

Reply to your letter, October 26, received papers  
for Miss Foley.

Would you share, on promise of return, our news-  
papers with Mr. Paulson?

The Bloomfield Choir was in our church and that  
Sunday I was in Woodstown with my son. Had I known  
your boy was a member of the choir, I would have stayed  
home and entertained him. I understand the choir was  
excellent!

Sincerely yours,

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GEORGE L. SPARKS  
Scout Executive

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October 26, 1961

Mr. George L. Sparks, Scout Executive  
Ocean County Council, No. 341  
Municipal Building  
Toms River, New Jersey

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL  
Re: William R. Pratt

Dear George:

I have asked our Welfare Service to send you papers on Patricia Foley.

Thanks for the newspapers. We have placed these articles in our file and we appreciate your calling our attention to the story on the Eagle Scouts. This was a good story.

Incidentally, there was a story in the same paper on the Bloomfield College Choir's concert in Toms River. My son happens to be a member of that touring choir and I did enjoy finding the article in the paper.

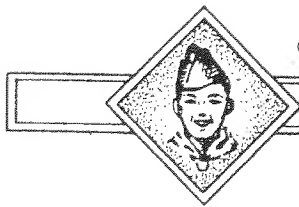
Sincerely yours,  
PERSONNEL DIVISION

Basil F. Starkey  
Director of Registration

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TOMS RIVER, N. J.

October 24, 1961

Mr. Basil Starkey  
Director of Registration  
National Council B. S. A.  
New Brunswick, New Jersey

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that Mrs. Joyce Smith, who was secretary for more than ten years, has resigned. In her place, we have Miss Patricia Foley, 604 Boulevard, Seaside Heights, New Jersey.

Would you please send us forms for later use to register her with our Medical and Insurance Plan.

Yesterday I sent you a copy of our local newspapers, I hope you'll find them interesting to compare. Both had the same date. You'll note how one treated the story well, and the other played it down. Also you'll note a story with regard to Eagle Scouts on the back pages of both papers.

Sincerely,

GEORGE L. SPARKS  
Scout Executive

GLS/paf

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Toms River, N. J., Thursday, October 19, 1961

## Local Scoutmaster Arraigned On Four Morals Complaints

TOMS RIVER — William R. Pratt, 30, of 26 Sutton Pl., Silver Ridge Estates, was arraigned yesterday on morals charges before Dover Township Magistrate Benjamin Novins.

The 31-year-old beautician waived hearing in magistrate's court and was held over for Grand Jury action under \$10,000 bail.

Pratt, who has served as Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 20, was charged with the following offenses by Dover Township Detective John Hayes:

- contributing to the delinquency of minors;

- possession of indecent literature;
- submitting to unnatural sex acts tending to impair the morals of a minor;

- having unnatural sex relations with minors.

The scoutmaster was charged with the offenses last week following a three-week investigation by Detective Hayes.

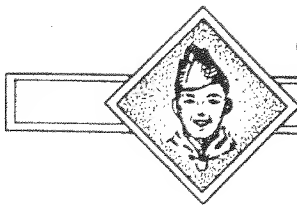
Man 30, Is Held  
For Grand Jury

TOMS RIVER — William R. Pratt, 30, of 26 Sutton Pl., Silver Ridge Estates, has been held for Grand Jury action by Magistrate Benjamin Novins. He was released under \$10,000 bail, police said.

Four charges were filed against him, Detective John Hayes, investigating officer, said. Also assisting in the case were Police Capt. Richard C. Clement and Patrolman Peter Chafatelli.

Charges include contributing to the delinquency of minors; possession of pornographic literature; and unnatural sex acts with 14 and 15-year-old boys.

Pratt was under surveillance for month before he was arrested last week.



OCEAN COUNTY COUNCIL

DIAMOND 9-1937

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
P. O. BOX 97  
TOMS RIVER, N. J.

October 18th, 1961

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Basil F. Starkey  
Director of Registration  
National Council, Boy Scouts of America  
New Brunswick, New Jersey

Re: William Raymond Pratt

Dear Basil:

Mr. Pratt was arraigned before the Municipal Court at 1 p.m. on October 18th, 1961. He was represented by a lawyer.

Four charges were held against him:

- a. Contributing to the delinquency of a minor
- b. Possession of indecent books, papers, articles, pictures, etc.
- c. Submitting to unnatural sex acts impairing minors
- d. Unnatural sex relations with a minor

Mr. Pratt's lawyer waived reading of the complaints and hearing and agreed with the court that the matter be held for Grand Jury. Bail amounted to \$10,000 and was continued.

Sincerely,

GEORGE L. SPARKS  
Scout Executive

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STATEMENT OF: [REDACTED] AGE 14, DOB Nov 19, 46  
ADDRESS: [REDACTED] TOMS RIVER, N.J.  
DATE: TIME: OCTOBER 12, 1961 9:10 PM  
PLACE: DOVER TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT  
THOSE PRESENT: Mr. [REDACTED] (FATHER) & DET. HAYES  
SUBJECT: INVESTIGATION OF MR. WILLIAM PRATT

DET. HAYES I AM GOING TO ASK YOU SOME QUESTIONS CONCERNING MR. WILLIAM PRATT. ARE YOU WILLING TO ANSWER SAME ?  
A. YES.

Q. How long did you know him, and how did you meet him?  
A. About the middle of summer. One of my friends a [REDACTED] told him about me, and he asked me to join the scouts.

Q. After you got to know him, did you ever go to his house. ?  
A. Yes, and after I got to know him, it was often.

Q. Was he your scout master ?  
A. Yes.

Q. Did he ever make any advances to you, or did he ever talk about sex to you ?  
A. Yes he did make advances and he did talk about sex. It happened numerous times.

Q. What did these advances consist of ?  
A. He would grab my privates.

Q. Did you ever see him grab any one else ?  
A. Yes, I seen him grab [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Q. Will you tell me about the overnight trip ?  
A. We were going on a overnight trip with Scout Master Pratt. He stopped at the Hub on Main st. Toms River, and he went inside to buy some beer, we boys, [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED] myself went to buy some ice for the soda we had on hand. When Mr. Pratt came back we put the beer on ice. Some was drank on the way down and rest was drank at the camp site.

Q. Did you ever see any thing pertaining to sex in his house ?  
A. Yes.

Q. What was it ?  
A. Magazines, books, pictures on the wall, and a statue of a nude man in his bedroom. On one occasion we were looking at magazines in his house, and he was looking at a nudist type magazine, he came over to me and showed me the naked females. He said " take a look at this ".

Q. What did his talks about sex consist of ?  
A. He told me about the french tickler. And if I was reading a magazine, he would say, " Are you excited " He had one expression he often said, and it is as follows; " How is it hanging ".

Det. Hayes The above statement is true to the best of your knowledge and is given with no threats and or promises from the police. After you have read it, would you be willing to sign it ?

A. Yes.

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STATEMENT OF: [REDACTED] AGE 13 DOB.. 12-13-47  
ADDRESS: [REDACTED] TOMS RIVER, N.J.  
DATE: TIME: OCT. 12, 1961 8:25 PM  
PLACE: DOVER TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT  
THOSE PRESENT: DET. JOHN HAYES & MR. [REDACTED] (FATHER)  
SUBJECT: INVESTIGATION OF MR. WILLIAM PRATT

DET. HAYES Q. I am going to ask you some questions concerning your knowledge of Mr. Pratt ? Are you willing to answer same ?  
A. Yes.

Q. How long have you known him ? And how did you meet him ?  
A. It was early summer, myself and another boy were making a purchase from an ice cream truck in our neighborhood, and he asked us if we were interested in scouting.

Q. After you got to know him, did you ever go to his house ?  
A. Yes, and after I got to know him, I was there quite often.

Q. Was he your scout master ?  
A. Yes he was.

Q. Did he ever make advances to you, or talk any thing about sex ?  
A. Yes he did, and at times he would talk about a photo of girls. he also spoke of a girl he met in France.

Q. What did he do in making advances to you ?  
A. He would grab me by my privates.

Q. Did this happen often ?  
A. Yes it did, on many occasions, or when ever he would get the chance.

Q. Will you tell me about the over night bus trip ?  
A. Yes.

Q. We were going on a over night camping trip. There was [REDACTED], [REDACTED], myself and Mr. Pratt. A suggestion was made that some beer be bought. Mr. Pratt said yes, and he went in to the Hub on Main st. Toms River and purchased three six packs. Some was drank on the way down and the rest was drank at the camp site.

Q. Did he ever buy any other beer at any other time. ?  
A. No.

Q. Did you ever see a statue in his house ?  
A. Yes it was a nude man in a reclining position.

October 17, 1961

Mr. George L. Sparks, Scout Executive  
Ocean County Council, No. 341  
Municipal Building  
Toms River, New Jersey

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL  
Sgt. William R. Pratt  
Scoutmaster, Troop 50

Dear George:

Thank you for the information concerning William R. Pratt. As you requested we have placed this information in the file and marked our unit records accordingly.

We need a description of him and ask that you complete the enclosed confidential record sheet.

Many times, police departments will cooperate with the local executive by providing copies of affidavits. We like to have these so that we have as much evidence as possible when it is necessary to deny registration in the future. If you are able to secure copies of the affidavits, we will appreciate them very much. You can assure those giving you such statements, that they are kept under lock and key and shared with no one.

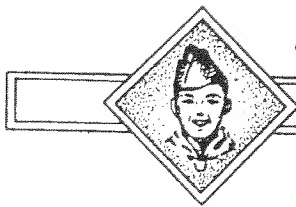
Sincerely yours,  
PERSONNEL DIVISION

Basil F. Starkey  
Director of Registration

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TOMS RIVER, N. J.

October 13th, 1961

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL:

Mr. Basil Starkey  
Director of Registration  
National Council, Boy Scouts of America  
New Brunswick, New Jersey

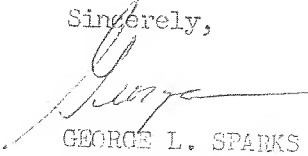
Dear Basil:

Another bit of unpleasantness. On October 11th, William R. Pratt, Scoutmaster of Troop No. 50 sponsored by the Toms River Elks Club was picked up by the Dover Township Police, Toms River, on a homosexual charge. He spent the night in the county jail.

On the morning of October 12th I was alerted and contacted the Police Department. I learned that the charges have been substantiated by affidavits. Later the same day I was advised that additional charges, including sodomy, were preferred. Bail reached \$11,500 on the three charges and Mr. Pratt being unable to raise same was recommitted to jail.

I contacted Mr. Pratt and the Police Department and I am afraid that the charges will stick. Mr. Pratt was formerly registered in Troop No. 20 at Asbury Park and came to us early this year. At the time I questioned Monmouth officials but nothing tangible could be pinned on this man. At the time of registration I voiced my opinion to the Exalted Ruler who is now chairman of the committee; and, obviously, this man must be "red flagged" regardless of the outcome.

Sincerely,

  
GEORGE L. SPARKS  
Scout Executive

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